

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

October 1, 2018

The Honorable Mike Pompeo  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of State  
2201 C Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Pompeo,

We write as a follow up to the California delegation's August 9, 2018 letter regarding Michael Phuong Minh Nguyen, an American citizen currently detained in Vietnam. My colleagues and I once again respectfully request you demand the Vietnamese government release Mr. Nguyen.

As you know, Mr. Nguyen was arrested on July 7, 2018, while visiting elderly relatives in Vietnam. He is being held at Phan Dang Luu Detention Center in Ho Chi Minh City. The Vietnamese government is investigating Mr. Nguyen for alleged violation of Article 109, engaging in activity against the People's Government. Article 109 is often used by Vietnamese officials in arbitrary arrests and carries a maximum punishment of death.

We appreciate your efforts to increase contact between Mr. Nguyen and U.S. Embassy representatives in Vietnam. We understand he appears to be in fair health and has access to medical care as necessary. However, Mr. Nguyen's arrest is greatly troubling given that we believe Mr. Nguyen was unjustly detained in an attempt to suppress local activism. Equally concerning is the Vietnamese government's delay in providing a formal charge against Mr. Nguyen. While awaiting a charge, he may remain under arrest for up to five months.

Mr. Nguyen is deeply missed by his wife and four daughters. It is incumbent upon the United States to ensure he is returned home as soon as possible. Any further delay by the Vietnamese government in releasing Mr. Nguyen is unacceptable. My colleagues and I stand ready to assist you in returning Mr. Nguyen to his family. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,



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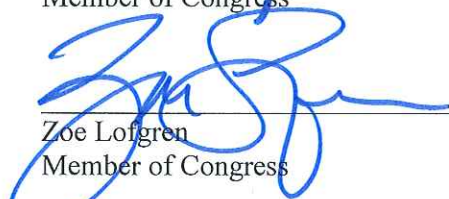
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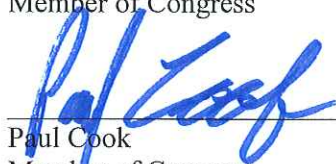
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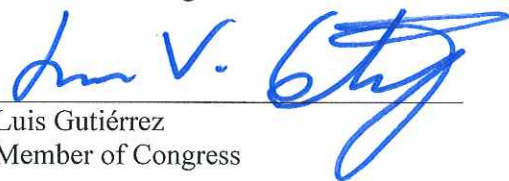
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